



KENYA

AGILE AND HARMONIZED ASSISTANCE FOR DEVOLVED INSTITUTIONS (AHADI)

AHADI supports Kenya's devolution agenda by partnering with Kenyan institutions to promote transparent, accountable, effective service delivery and responsive governance systems. The activity works with other stakeholders to address cross-sectoral governance processes and capacity challenges that impact service delivery and effective implementation of devolution.

Support under this pillar includes strengthening the ability of counties to develop sound laws and policies, improving performance of key sectors, optimizing revenue generation, and ensuring proper management of public funds. AHADI also supports the development of curricula and training materials as well as training and mentoring of county officials (executives and legislators).

OUR WORK

Good Governance: AHADI promotes democratic governance and strengthens local governance capacity and structures in 22 counties. AHADI works with national ministries and intergovernmental bodies to build sustainable competence for devolved governance and service delivery. Interventions include strengthening key intergovernmental institutions and supporting development of policies, laws, cooperation frameworks and mechanisms that strengthen devolution and cooperation among government actors. AHADI also supports devolved development as highlighted below.

Resilience: For the arid and semi-arid land counties, AHADI's supports strengthening governance of economic and development sectors such as livestock, water and sanitation, and natural and agricultural resource management for improved resilience of pastoralist communities.

Civic engagement and social accountability mechanisms: AHADI works to enable government entities and citizens to engage in collaborative and mutually-beneficial relationships that improve accountability and service delivery. The program does this by supporting development of public participation mechanisms and guidelines that increase citizens' access to information, and enable citizen organizations to engage with county governments.

Education: AHADI supports the Ministry of Education to improve policy and legislative framework for education. This is accomplished by facilitating stakeholder engagement in the review of the Special Needs Education Policy and in the development of the National Curriculum Policy and Basic Education Curriculum Reforms Framework. In addition, AHADI provides training to school managers (members of county education boards, primary school boards of management and parents' associations) to enhance on-the-job skills and ensure effective participation in school governance.

Continuous Learning: AHADI promotes learning by developing innovative governance tools such as the County Capacity Index (a diagnostic that objectively measures county capacity in 10 critical areas). AHADI activities also support forums and knowledge sharing mechanisms such as the devolution study groups (opportunities for stakeholders to discuss governance issues). Other AHADI activities support research and best practice centers, like the Council of Governors' Maarifa Center, that facilitate development and dissemination of approaches for effective implementation of devolution.

ACHIEVEMENTS

To date, AHADI has:

- Trained, mentored and provided expert support for on-job-training to over 24,000 county officials and 5,000 national officials.
- Enhanced the skills and capacity of over 21,000 education administrators and government officials, and an additional 35,000 school board officials.
- Embedded resident expertise for six national and intergovernmental institutions including the Council of Governors, Ministry of Devolution and Planning, the Intergovernmental Relations and Technical Committee, and the Senate.
- Supported the development of induction material and facilitated induction training for over 1,500 elected county officials.
- Fostered development of 79 intergovernmental mechanisms such as the alternative dispute resolution regulations.
- Supported the development of 52 sector specific policies, laws and plans in livestock, water and sanitation, climate change and education sectors for use by county governments.
- Facilitated over 627 civil society organizations to participate in stakeholder forums and provided civic education to over 7,042 individuals.

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:

Bomet, Garissa, Isiolo, Kakamega, Kiambu, Kisii, Lamu, Machakos, Mandera, Marsabit, Meru, Mombasa, Murang'a, Siaya, Tharaka Nithi, Nairobi, Nandi, Nyamira, Trans Nzoia, Turkana, Vihiga and Wajir counties.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

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KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Devolution and ASALs (MODA)
Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC)
Kenya Law Reform Commission
Kenya School of Government
Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training
Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA)

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